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1. Officers in the Bulgarian Army until recently were issued caps similar to the Soviet officer's cap with a straight visor, but it appears that the army is now reverting to the pre-war Bulgarian type of visor. The rest of the officers' uniform includes blouses with closed collar (armored and air force officers wear an opening collar and tie), and shoes or boots, depending upon their duties. Greatcoats are issued to all officers; but for majors and above the coats are of finer material with a felt collar. Jackets are issued for summer. The uniforms are a greenish olive color; and the greatcoats and summer jackets are a greyish blue color. Each officer is also issued a belt with shoulder strap, a holster and pistol, binoculars, and officer's musette bag. Sabers are now worn on parade only.
2. Non-commissioned officers are issued the same clothing as officers, except that the cloth of the uniforms is of a poorer quality. They are given knapsacks instead of the officer's musette bag.
3. The soldiers are issued either an ordinary cap or an overseas type cap, a blouse, a summer shirt, heavy trousers, overcoat, and shoes. In addition each soldier receives a belt, canteen (now in short supply), cup, mess kit, bread bag, shelter half and knapsack. Boots are slowly being replaced throughout the army with ordinary high-top shoes.

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